

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the present amendment is respectfully requested. By the present amendment, claims 1, 4, 5, and 6 are amended, claims 2-3 are canceled, and claim 7-11 are added.

Claim 4 is amended to recite that said tear seam closes said outflow. The language related to the seam having at least one opening has been removed. Thus, the rejection of claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. 112 should be withdrawn.

Claims 1 and 5 are amended to recite that the pouch (18) has an elongated, tubular shape with opposite first and second end faces (20, 22). The first end face (20) is constructed as an inflation opening. The second end face (22) is constructed as an outflow opening and is provided with a tear seam (24) which tears open at a predetermined internal pressure of said pouch (18) and thereby opens said outflow opening.

Neither DE 20105734, Masuda et al., Keshavaraji nor any other prior art reference taken either alone or in combination discloses or suggests this feature and including all of the features claimed in claims 1 or 5.

Both DE 20105734 and Keshavaraji fail to disclose that the pouch includes a second end that is provided with a tear seam which tears open at a predetermined internal pressure of the pouch and thereby opens said outflow opening. Also, this feature is similar to that recited in claim 3, which was not rejected by DE 20105734 or Keshavaraji.

Masuda et al. fails to disclose a second end face (22) that is constructed as an outflow opening and is provided with